

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1485

Introduced by Assembly Member Firebaugh
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Goldberg and Yee)

February 21, 2003

An act relating to school accountability, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1485, as introduced, Firebaugh. School accountability.

Existing law, the English Learner and Immigrant Pupil Federal Conformity Act, requires a local educational agency to provide instructional services to limited-English-proficient pupils and immigrant pupils in conformity with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to require the State Board of Education to comply fully with federal law and ensure that the educational needs and rights of English learners are addressed fully in the accountability plan submitted by the state to the federal government for purposes of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to require the
2 State Board of Education to comply fully with federal law and
3 ensure that the educational needs and rights of English learners are
4 addressed fully in the accountability plan submitted by the state to
5 the federal government for purposes of the federal No Child Left
6 Behind Act of 2001.

7 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
8 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
9 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
10 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

11 In order for the State Board of Education to submit an
12 accountability plan in the spring of 2003 as required for state
13 participation in programs authorized pursuant to the No Child Left
14 Behind Act of 2001, it is necessary that this act take effect
15 immediately.

